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FOR ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT:OVERVIEW OF SECRETARY'S TRIP AND FOLLOW-UP TO
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1. BOTH PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL OPINION IN EL SALVADOR CONSIDERED SECRETARY'S TRIP AS FRIENDLY GESTURE OF INTEREST IN REGION AND OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH LEADERS HE MET AT VARIOUS STOPS. NO ONE HERE EXPECTED ANY NOVEL INITIATIVES OR DRAMATIC POLICY DEPARTURES TO EMERGE DURING THE TRIP. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE WERE NO SHATTERED ILLUSIONS, AND INFORMED OBSERVERS WERE INCLINED TO ASSESS THE TRIP AS HAVING FULFILLED AFORE-MENTIONED SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF LIMITED IMPACT; BUT POSITIVE SINCE THE U.S. WAS GIVING SOME ATTENTION TO LA.

2. THE CONSULTATION AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL EVOKED NO REACTION HERE SINCE BRAZIL IS TOO REMOTE GEOGRAPHICALLY AND POLITICALLY FROM THE PROVINCIAL POWER POLITICS OF CENTRAL AMERICA. THERE IS NO CONCERN WHATSOEVER ABOUT A "US-BRAZIL AXIS," ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE A BIT OF TACIT PAROCHIAL RESENTMENT ABOUT A "US-COSTA RICA AXIS;" BUT WE CAN'T PLEASE THEM ALL EVERY TIME.

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3. THE LATEST MANIFESTATION OF CUBAN INTERVENTIONISM, SO

FAR, HAS BEEN NOTED AND CRITICIZED BY THE OVERWHELMINGLY CONSERVATIVE LOCAL MEDIA AND SOME INFORMED OBSERVERS. BUT NO ONE HAS BECOME OVERWROUGHT ON THIS ISSUE, PERHAPS BECAUSE MOST OBSERVERS PERCEIVE NO IMMEDIATE THREAT TO CENTRAL AMERICA. SO, WHILE THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS OF WARNING TO CUBA AND OF OUR FIRMNESS ON REGIONAL SECURITY COMMITMENTS WERE MOST WELCOME, THEY MAY HAVE SEEMED SOMEWHAT REMOTE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IF THE BELIZE ISSUE BECOMES INFLAMED, SALVADORAN PERCEPTIONS OF A CUBAN INTERVENTIONIST THREAT TO CENTRAL AMERICA COULD CHANGE QUICKLY AND DRAMATICALLY.

4. AS MENTIONED ABOVE, THERE WERE NO GREAT EXPECTATIONS HERE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE VISIT AND NO UNFULFILLED ASPIRATIONS AS A RESULT. FONMIN BORGONOVO'S GENERAL PLEA FOR ACCESS TO U.S. MARKETS

FOR EL SALVADOR'S EXPORTS (SEE SAN SALVADOR 1029) TO WHICH THE SECRETARY GAVE SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION BUT NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS IS, PERHAPS, THE ONLY MATTER WHICH MERITS FOLLOW-UP IN WASHINGTON. AS STATED

AT THE BILATERAL, WE WILL BE BRINGING TO YOUR ATTENTION ANY PROBLEMS WHICH ARISE ABOUT SPECIFIC PRODUCTS IF AND WHEN WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE TO RESOLVE THEM. FOR THE SECRETARY'S REAFFIRMATION OF A SPECIAL TRADE RELATIONSHIP WITH LA TO BE CREDIBLE, WE MUST BE PREPARED TO RESPOND CONVINCINGLY TO LA REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL AND FLEXIBLE TREATMENT OF THEIR EXPORT REQUIREMENTS. TO REMIND THEM THAT THEY MAY BE IN BETTER CIRCUMSTANCES THAN AFRICAN OR ASIAN COUNTRIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR GSP WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT. I REPEAT (SAN SALVADOR 1029), THE SECRETARY'S TRIP ENDED ON AN UPBEAT POSITIVE NOTE, BUT WE MUST NOW FOLLOW THROUGH BY BEING AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE TO THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF LA WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES WE HAVE AVAILABLE. CAMPBELL

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